

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A tool comprising:
 - a housing having a handle portion, a motor portion and a forward portion;
 - a collar rotatably mounted adjacent said forward portion of said housing;
 - a side handle mounting area provided forward of said collar;
 - a side handle mounted to said side handle mounting area; and
 - a chuck mounted forward of said side handle mounting area.
2. The tool according to claim 1, wherein rotation of said collar varies a torque setting of the tool.
3. The tool according to claim 1, wherein said handle includes an annular mounting portion for securing said handle to said side handle mounting area.
4. The tool according to claim 1, wherein said side handle mounting area is defined by a cap that has a cylindrical outer surface.
5. The tool according to claim 4, wherein said handle is adjustably rotatable about said cap.

6. A side handle arrangement for a tool comprising:

- a gear case cover with a rear portion, a middle portion, and a front portion;
- a collar rotatably mounted over said middle portion of said gear case cover;
- a cap member mounted on said front portion of said gear case cover forward of said collar;
- a spindle extending from said front portion of said gear case cover and extending through a forward end of said cap member;
- a side handle mounted to an outer surface of said cap member forward of said collar; and
- a chuck mounted to said spindle forward of said cap member.

7. The side handle arrangement for a tool according to claim 6, wherein said rear portion of said gear case cover is adapted to be mounted to a drill housing.

8. The side handle arrangement for a tool according to claim 6, wherein said cap member is secured to said gear case cover by screws.

9. The side handle arrangement for a tool according to claim 6, wherein said collar is adapted to vary a torque setting of the tool by rotation of said collar.

10. A drill driver comprising:

- a housing;
- a gear case cover with a rear portion, a middle portion, and a front portion, the rear portion mounted to said housing;
- a torque adjustment collar rotatably mounted around said middle portion of said gear case cover;
- a spindle extending from said front portion of said gear case cover;
- a cap member mounted on said front portion of said gear case cover, said spindle extending through a forward end of said cap member;
- a chuck mounted to said spindle; and
- a side handle mounted to said cap member forward of said rotary collar.

11. The drill driver according to claim 10, wherein said side handle includes an annular mounting portion for connecting said side handle to an outer surface of said cap member.

12. The drill driver according to claim 10, wherein said torque adjustment collar is rotatable to control a torque setting of the drill driver.

13. The drill driver according to claim 11, wherein said annular mounting portion allows said side handle to be rotated 360° around said outer surface of said cap member.

14. The drill driver according to claim 10, wherein said cap member is secured to said gear case cover by screws.